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Gary and Paul only,

I am not sending Kleindienst the draft of the letter I sent you, which still serves to update you, after talking to Bud and other developments. Instead, I am proceeding immediately with litigation. Bud will be here Monday. I hope to have rough drafts of at least some of the complaints by then.

However, when I got home, surprise of surprises, I had a letter from Kleindienst enclosing a very clear copy of part of FBI Exhibit 60. Howard, who took the Archives copy, is astounded at the difference in clarity. I am without any doubt at all about what I have earlier written you about this.

I shall be writing Kleindienst further, about this and about the other matters covered by DJ 118 forms, all of which he rejected. I'll be suing for all but one of them. I accept his statement that they had nothing to do with the autopsy pictures. Tonight I'm too tired to tackle it.

Howard has copied my FBI Exhibit 60. I want no use of it by others because I intend special uses of it, including as evidence and in court. However, if he has requests from either of you, he'll make them. Let me know. But in neither case is either of you to tell anyone (save Jim and Mel, who are not to discuss it) that you have it or that I do. It also is not consistent with the copy the Archives showed me of the one they made but refuse to copy. I will not now take the time to explain this, but there is no question about the fact, only of the reason and by whom it was done and when. I believe it had to have been done prior to transfer to the Archives. We'll know better how clear his copy is after he processes the negature he exposed here today. I may get the local camera shop to make me a copy with a good camera, large negative, and have enlargements of the holes made. I'll decide this tomorrow or Saturday.

Bud has agreed to move for an immediate hearing on the denial of the two things in the King- Ray matter, and we will go into reasons for it in the motion. We are also going to try and add a dimension, ask the court to charge the government with my costs because they lied and needlessly forced me to go to court. It is within the power of the court to order this. On the other thing again, I'm too tired, but you'll get copies.

Paul, Bud says we should have an affidavit on the SS stuff in the box. We will not use it except in court and then only if necessary. Bud agrees it is close to a violation of the law, certainly of the intent, for them not to respond, and the record of what they have delivered to me eliminates any argument that I am a nut just annoying them. Please do this whenever you can and send it to whichever of us you'd prefer to hold it. Bud seems to think you'd prefer to send it to me. When we discussed it and he agreed it is necessary (for you are too far away to produce as a witness in an emergency), I said I'd ask you to send it to him. It makes no difference to either of us who gets it, for it will not be used for any other purpose, but I think it is probably more secure with me.

Someone who is supplying me with good data on extremists would like a copy of the appendix to O in NO. How much would that cost?

I may have good news. There is interest in the Ray/King part of COUP. I am to be made an offer by a small publisher who regards it as singularly important and significant, he says, an important national documents. Until it is announced, no talk, please. I've beenmon that road beforeo also. In addition, the threatening calls continue, One again today, professional, too, hurriedly,